



Mark Your Calendars

BY CAROL L. ALLEN

This Can-Am Action is only one of many off-road vehicles featured at the upcoming 8th annual Sand-Water-RV Expo Saturday, Nov. 16 through Sunday, Nov. 17 at Lake Havasu State Park. In addition to OHVs, there will be boats, pontoons, PWCs, RVs, travel/adventure trailers, toy haulers, trucks, motorcycles, golf cars, bicycles, apparel, kayaks, paddleboards, and all related accessories.

It's a "one-stop shop" for all outdoor enthusiasts and underlines the plethora of ways to enjoy the Southwest -- on land and on the water. Come to Havasu and enjoy this action-packed autumn experience.

Speaking of "on the water", it's also time to mark your calendars for the holiday lighted-boat parades. Although there are many in the Southwest, three of our favorites are in Havasu, San Diego, and Tempe. You've time now to plan ahead for these amazing events that light up both waterways and holiday spirits.

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Kid's Corner Enrichment Debuts At Havasu's Sand-Water-RV Expo

In addition, the ever-popular corn hole competition returns to the Expo.

Visitors to the 2019 Sand-Water-RV Expo on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 16-17 at Lake Havasu State Park, Windsor 3 & 4 will find a new attraction waiting for them and their children — "Kids Corner Enrichment" — a new, local 501c3 charity focusing on kids and two of Lake Havasu City's most abundant resources — "water and sun". Here's what they are determined to accomplish.

Focus On Outdoor Activities

Provide a safe and educational environment for kids and families to visit starting at local events and gatherings in Mohave County and the Colorado River area. Our focus will be on water and sun



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Sailing Convention For Women Combines Learning, Camaraderie, Fun



WOMEN'S WORKSHOPS — On water workshops are offered at the Sailing Convention for Women on Feb. 1 at Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club in Corona del Mar, Calif.

Where do women sailors go to learn? The answer is a place where they can enjoy the camaraderie of other women sailors, learn from top instructors both on the water and in the classroom, and have plenty of fun. For 30 years that place has been the Sailing Convention for Women presented by Gail Hine, to be held next on Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020 at the Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club in Corona del Mar, Calif.

Something Meaningful For All

"The Convention gives women an opportunity to meet other women sailors, discuss options for more cruising and day sailing, find out about existing women's sailing organizations in their area as well as instructional programs available," said Hine, the Convention's Creator/Director. "We have something meaningful for everyone. One of our previous attendees enjoyed the program so much that said it was the best day of her life. We really try to make it that kind of experience for everyone."

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November 2019 Events Calendar

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BOATING

LEARN TO SAIL: Current — If you know someone who would like to learn to sail, turn them on to the Arizona Sailing Foundation's Adult Beginning Sailing class.

US SAILING/ RED CROSS ONLINE TRAINING: Ongoing — To make it easier for prospective US SAILING-certified instructors to fulfill course requirements for CPR and First Aid certification, US SAILING teams up with the American Red Cross to provide an online training program. Participants can sign up by visiting www.ussailing.org/training and clicking on the Red Cross Online Training button (towards the bottom of the page).

Tempe
AZ YACHT CLUB MEETINGS: Second Tuesday of every month 7 p.m. — in the Caddy Shack at Rolling Hills Golf Course, 1415 N. Mill Ave., Tempe; www.arizonayachtclub.org

CAMPING/RVING/ AZ OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

CALENDAR OF OUTDOOR EVENTS: Ongoing — www.azgfd.gov/OutdoorSkills Google calendar.



▲ Sedona
3-6 — Ride the Red Rocks — Enchantment Resort. a three-day mountain biking adventure as our experienced guides take you on exhilarating rides through captivating red rock scenery and canyon trails all the while sharing insider tips to improve your skills. Express your passion for the sport with an intimate group of riders as you enjoy daily rides, culinary experiences, luxury resort accommodations and ride-in, ride-out access at Enchantment Resort. *Starting at \$2,570.* www.ridetheredrocks.com.

Sierra Vista
21 — Patterson Observatory Public Night - weather permitting, the public is invited to observe the night

skies through the 20-inch Patterson telescope and with other instruments, you might see craters of the crescent moon, gas giant planets, Uranus, Neptune, double stars, star clusters, nebula, planetary nebula and distant galaxies. Free. 6 pm. 520-417-6960 or www.hacastronomy.org.

Yuma
22-24 — 29th Annual Colorado River Crossing Balloon Festival - Cibola H.S. The festival attracts some of the most colorful and unique balloons from the West and Southwest. 50 balloons, sunrise balloon liftoffs, sunset balloon glow & fireworks, entertainment, food. Free. 6 am – 1 pm. 928-376-0100 or <http://www.caballeros.org> or <https://www.visitYuma.com/event/colorado-river-crossing-balloon-festival-1>

Tucson
23 — 37th Annual El Tour de Tucson – TCC. Thousands of cyclists from around the world compete, perimeter tour with 100-, 75-, 50-, 25-mile rides. Plus a fun ride of 10, 5, 1, or ¼- mile courses perfect for novices and families. Open to pros, fitness buffs, fun-lovers and kids, by Perimeter Bicycling Association of America. 520-745-2033 or <http://www.perimeterbicycling.com/el-tour-de-tucson/>

Winslow
23 — Star Party: Homolovi State Park - Come out to Homolovi's Visitor Center Museum and Observatory for a night under the stars! Free with cost of park entry. Dress warmly and bring your sense of wonder! Telescopes will be available. \$7 day use fee per car with up to 4 adults. 30 minutes after sunset. 928-289-4106 or <https://azstateparks.com/homolovi/events/star-party>

CLASSES/SEMINARS

AZGFD, CG AUXILIARY, PHOENIX POWER SQUADRON BOATING CLASSES: Ongoing (See page 3 of this issue.)

COMMUNITY AND SEASONAL

Chandler
8-9 — 10th Annual Chandler Chuck Wagon Cook-Off – Tumbleweed Park. Demonstrates 1880s Old West lifestyle, teams from around the Southwest, old fashioned culinary competition, teams prepare foods from their authentic chuck wagons and use methods in the style of those used in 1880s cattle drives, meals available for the public to purchase, also stage entertainment, family activities and vendors. Friday: \$10 admission; Saturday: Free admission, \$15 meal ticket. 9 am – 5 pm. 480-782-2717 or www.pardnersoftumbleweedranch.org

10 — Arizona Harvest Festival & Open Air Market - Downtown Chandler. Merchants offer a selection of products and services including a farmer's market with local produce and artisan

gourmet foods, holiday items, home décor, jewelry, clothing, art, home improvements, health and wellness services and products, and more. Live entertainment plus activities: pumpkin toss, pumpkin pageant, cornhole, pie-eating contest, corn shucking, cake walk and a kid's zone. The beer garden features local pumpkin ales and seasonal brews. 9 am - 6 pm. <https://downtownchandler.org/>

Phoenix
9 — Native American Heritage Festival featuring the 19th Annual Veterans Day Weekend Traditional Pow Wow – Arizona State University's West campus. Featuring traditional Pow Wow to celebrate Native American heritage and honor the contributions of all U.S. veterans. The event features Native arts and crafts, dancing, music, kid's activities, art demos and food trucks. Free. 11 am – 10 pm. 602-543-5300 or <https://asuevents.asu.edu/west/2019PowWow>



▲ Flagstaff
15-12/24 — North Pole Experience – Little America. A family-focused holiday attraction that takes visitors on a behind-the-scenes adventure at Santa's Workshop, children and their parents build toys with Santa and the elves and meet Santa and read stories and craft with Mrs. Claus. <https://northpoleexperience.com/>

Show Low
29-1/2 — Show Low Shines – An extravaganza of holiday lights and decorations that lights up the City from the day after Thanksgiving through 1/2, light displays at Show Low City Park, downtown and a dancing light display synchronized to holiday music at Show Low City Hall. 928-532-4140 or <http://www.showlowaz.gov/calendar.aspx>

Ahwatukee
30 — 23rd Annual Festival of Lights Kick-Off Party – Desert Foothills Park. Ahwatukee's biggest family fun festival, always the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Carnival rides, community entertainment, Beer Garden, Marketplace Street Fair and the Motorcycle Parade will keep you and your out-of-town guests busy all day! And besides...who really wants to leave Phoenix in the winter? Free. 11 am - 9 pm. <http://www.folaz.org/>

Prescott
30 — Prescott's 24th Annual Holiday

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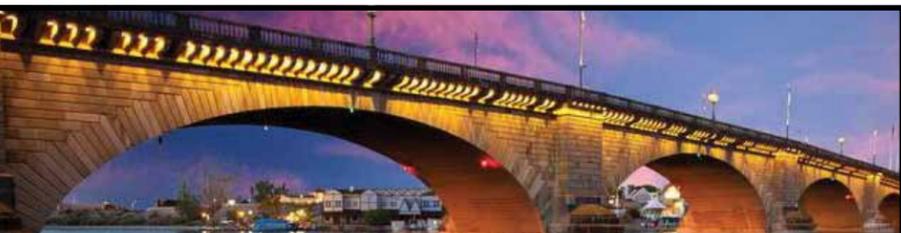


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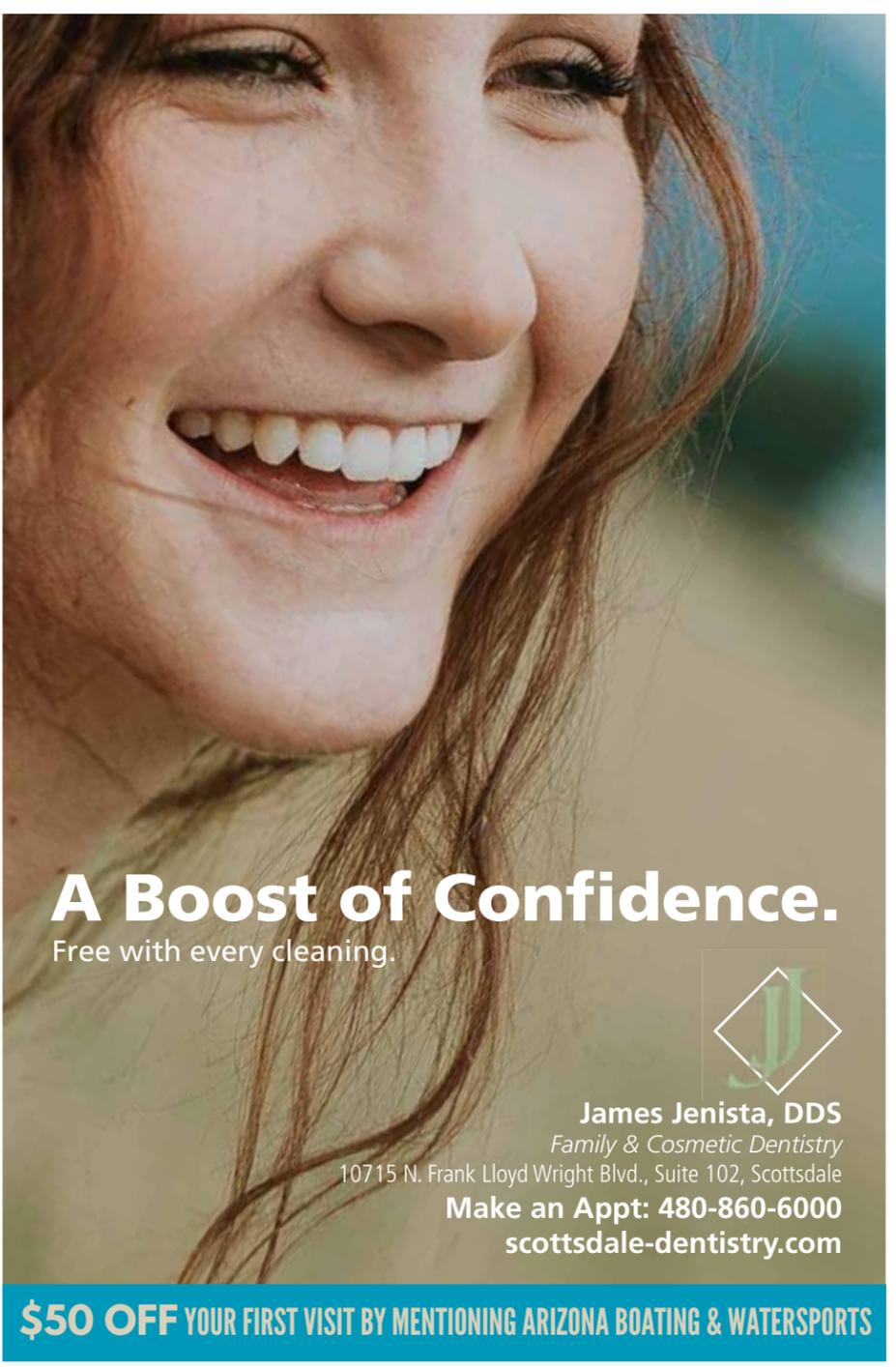
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Light Up Your Holidays With These Annual Favorites

Editor's Note: Each year as Christmas approaches, three sparkling boat parades launch the holiday spirit. Although there are other wonderful and similar events throughout the Southwest, the following -- in chronological order -- have endured as favorites of our readers year after year.

Lake Havasu City's Boat Parade Of Lights

The Annual Boat Parade of Lights is in its 37th year and has been the must-see event of the holiday season, occurring December 6 and 7. Lake Havasu City's Boat Parade of Lights has been repeatedly selected as one of the top 100 events in the United States by the American Bus Association.

Up to 50 boats brightly decorated in their holiday best will delight children and adults alike. Watch the boats cruise through the Bridgewater Channel beginning in Thompson Bay and continuing under the London Bridge to the north end of the Channel, with a turnaround at Windsor Beach and back. Bundle up and take



Lake Havasu

floats will be lit up nightly beginning at dusk.

Bonfires will be permitted throughout the Channel on the island side beach areas but must be **contained in a portable, self-contained fire pit**. All ashes must be removed entirely and the area left clean. Absolutely no digging of fire pits in the sand and no dumping of ashes in the water. The area will be patrolled throughout the evening. (Bonfires are not permitted on the new white sand beaches at the north end of the channel.)

There will be great viewing at the Nautical Beachfront Resort (the starting point of the Parade of Lights), Rotary Beach, throughout the Channel on both sides between Rotary Beach and Windsor Beach, the English Village, across the London Bridge, and at any of the restaurants along the Channel.*

**If you plan on watching from the Channel restaurants, early reservations are recommended.*

There is no charge to view The 37th Annual Boat Parade. Plenty of free parking is available at the English Village and in the parking areas on the island near the Channel. Plan to get there early as traffic around the London Bridge can become congested.

Event dates, times and/or details are subject to change; visit lbycboatparadeoflights.com.

The 48th Annual San Diego Bay Parade Of Lights

The San Diego Bay Parade of Lights is a time-honored holiday tradition brought to San Diego by the boating community.

Continuing its long-standing San Diego tradition, the 48th annual San Diego Bay Parade of Lights promises to dazzle and entertain bay-front crowds during the Sunday evenings of December 8 and 15. Participants in this year's highly anticipated holiday boat parade will decorate their boats to fit this year's theme, which will be "Comic-Con on the Bay".

Presented by the Port of San Diego, the San Diego Bay Parade of Lights brings more than 100,000 San Diego residents and visitors to the shores of San Diego Bay each year. The procession of approximately 80 lavishly decorated boats has become one of the most iconic events in the region. There is no cost to view the parade.

This year, for the 4th time, the parade will proceed to the pier at Cesar Chavez Park before making the turn to Coronado, giving spectators another area to view the parade. The procession will start at 5:00



San Diego Bay

p.m. and will follow the predetermined parade route.

Whether a participant or spectator, the Parade of Lights is a festive and delightful experience for all!

Awards Presentation Dinner

The Awards Presentation dinner will be at Tom Ham's Lighthouse on Harbor Island on January 9, 2020 at 6 p.m. The 48th Annual San Diego Bay Parade of Lights will announce winners of the best decorated boats at the San Diego Bay Parade of Lights' Awards Dinner held at Tom Ham's Lighthouse. (Anyone can join the San Diego Bay Parade of Lights [but you will need a boat to float upon!])

For more information, visit <https://sd-paradeoflights.org>.

Tempe's Fantasy Of Lights Boat Parade

Everyone loves a parade, right? A parade that floats — even better! Each year, we invite the community to take part in holiday cheer by gathering on the shores of Tempe Town Lake to watch a procession of festively decorated boats of all shapes and sizes. The 20th Annual Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade will be

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Tempe Town Lake

a stroll through the Channel -- the only time you'll see the Channel packed full of boats and boaters in winter gear at night. Come cozy up with family and friends and create treasured memories of a favorite holiday tradition!

Time: The boat parade starts approximately 6:30 p.m. each night.

Theme: "Reflections on the Water"

Boat Entry: Want to enter your boat in the parade? Anyone is welcome and prizes are given for Grand Marshal's Award, Commodore's Award, Best Family/Individual Award, Best Corporate Entry Award, Best First-Time Entry Award, Best Service Club/Organization Award, Judge's Choice Award, and Best Sparkle Award.

When You Are There —

Boat parade participants and sponsors invite you to visit the docks in front of the London Bridge Resort where parade

U.S. Government: Recreational Boating Is A Big Deal In The U.S.

A recent report from the Department of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) has re-affirmed that outdoor recreation activities are a significant driver of economic activity in the country, making up 2.2 percent (\$247.2 billion) of the U.S. Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

When looking at "conventional" outdoor recreation activities, "boating/fishing" was the largest conventional activity for the nation as a whole at \$20.9 billion in current dollar value added, surpassing RVing, motorcycling, hunting, and snow activities. Dollar value includes all economic contributions by marinas, boat dealers, repair shops, in-state boat manufacturers and additional impacts.

At the state level, the BEA report cited boating/fishing as the largest conventional activity in 29 states and the District of Columbia, led by Florida (\$2.7 billion) and California (\$1.8 billion). Adding to the report, BEA statistics show the top five states where outdoor recreation (as a whole) accounted for the largest percentage of total U.S. GDP are California, Florida, Illinois, Texas and New York.

"Clearly it's time to give outdoor recreation, and in particular, recreational boating and fishing, its due," said Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) Manager of Government Affairs David Kennedy. "This is no longer just about having fun outdoors. Having this data gives legislative bodies across the country the information and standing to ensure our interests are protected and nourished."

Added Kennedy, "The next time a community needs money to repair or maintain a boat launch ramp, a new marina is proposed, or onerous legislation that could negatively affect boaters and anglers is being debated, the BEA report shows that supporting boating and fishing interests, as well as other outdoor activities, pays real dividends in local economies." ■

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The Accon Marine Cleat/Rod Holder is constructed from marine-grade 316 stainless steel for maximum durability and corrosion resistance, ensuring a long service life. Available with a choice of a 0°, 15° or 30° rod offset angle, it measures a compact 7.57" L x 3.74" W x 8.38" D and mounts with just four 1/4" diameter bolts. An included stainless steel backing plate doubles as an installation template.

To install the unit, first apply painter's tape to the gunwale top in the desired mounting location. Use the supplied backing plate to mark the cleat's outline on the tape surface, then drill a 5/8" hole at each end of the outline to mark the ends of the cleat. A jigsaw is then used to cut the required opening.

Next, carefully place the cleat into position to check the fit, then use it as a template to mark the location of the four holes required for the retaining bolts. After drilling out the bolt holes, remove the backing tape from the deck and prep with a dab of silicone before carefully lowering the cleat into position. Place the backing plate below deck and tighten into place from below using nylon-insert locking nuts. An online video at bit.ly/2phUv6a demonstrates the entire procedure with simple, step-by-step instructions.

Once installed, maintaining this versatile hardware is simple. It simply needs a soap and water washing followed by a light coating of oil on all moving parts once dry. The Accon Marine 9814 Cleat/Rod Holder carries a suggested retail price of \$96.41, making it an affordable solution to cockpit rigging challenges.

Contact local dealers or Accon Marine, 13665 Automobile Blvd., Clearwater, FL 33762. 727-572-9202; Fax: 727-572-7621. www.acconmarine.com. ■

Glomex Ground Plates Improve Antenna Performance

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Available in round or rectangular models, Sintered Bronze Ground Plates have an exclusive edge shape that resists fouling and limits drag. Bronze hex nuts and bolts made of the same material as the plates are included, along with plastic spacers. Glomex offers six sizes, 2.5" and 5" round, and lengths from 6" to 18".

On a powerboat, Glomex Sintered Bronze Ground Plates should be installed on the aft third of the hull, close to the centerline. On a sailboat, the ideal location is between the keel and rudder. For both vessels, the area should be as flat as possible; any gap over 1/8" should be avoided. Mounting on the transom isn't recommended nor is immediately forward of a knotmeter or transducer due to the slight turbulence created by the plate.

Installing a ground plate is straightforward, two-person DIY job. After ensuring the mounting location offers unobstructed access inside the hull, the device is used as a drilling template. Technical drawings are included for precise dimensions and hole sizes.



Once the area is clean and dry, a bead of underwater caulking sealant is applied to the inside of the hull around and in each hole. Ensure the sealant doesn't coat the back of the plate. The hex nut and plastic spacer of the bolts are then tightened by hand—do not overtighten.

Finally, the electrical ground connection is made by connecting #8 gauge minimum size stranded copper wire with a ring terminal to one of the bolts, securing with the included bronze nut. Use a wire equal in size to the negative battery cable to connect the negative post of the battery to the ground plate.

To connect the plate to a copper band, a 2" minimum size copper band should be used. The best performance is obtained by going straight to the radio antenna coupler.

Maintaining ground plates is easy. Barnacles and marine life won't attach themselves to the metal, so they only need to be cleaned with bleach and a stiff brush, and never be painted. Glomex Sintered Bronze Ground Plates start at \$59.

Contact local dealers or Glomex Marine Antennas USA, Corp., 1825 St Julian Place, Suite F1A, Columbia, SC 29204. 803-722-7296. info@glomex.us; www.glomex.us. ■



Getting On And Off A Boat Has Never Been Easier

Getting onto and off a boat is difficult, especially when it's moving or for those with limited mobility. Falls are common and can be quite dangerous. With the Safashor Dock Model, boarding and exiting a vessel has never been safer. Permanently mounted to a fixed dock, it lowers to form a wide, handled gangplank that's easy to traverse. It's an important step in keeping the whole family involved in boating.

Tested to hold up to 350 lbs., the Safashor Dock Model is built in the USA of T61/63 marine-grade aluminum and stainless steel. The slip-resistant 38" standard gangplank works with tidal fluctuations up to 4'. It's ideal for use with private and commercial vessels 21'-36' long with 24"-38" high gunnel walls.

Using the Safashor Dock Model couldn't be easier. From the dock, the gangplank is lifted slightly and allowed to deploy forward to the boat. The two-piece, telescoping adjustable handle is then set into place. An available second



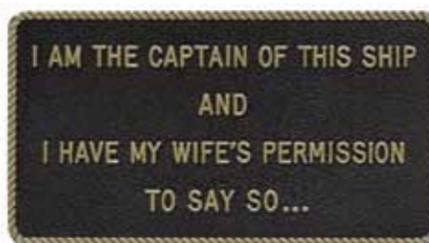
handle can be used for even greater security. Once done, it stows upright and out of the way. A video is at bit.ly/Safashor.

Installing the Safashor Dock Model is simple. The mounting chassis is pre-drilled and adjustable for a wide range of applications. It attaches in minutes using 6-10 bolts and washers. It's also easy to maintain, requiring an occasional spray lubrication and bolt tightening, as needed.

For locales with tidal ranges more than 4', 50" and 62" gangplanks with hydraulic shock dampers are available. Higher than average docks may use the optional drop-down extension bracket that reduces the gangplank pitch.

The Safashor Dock Model comes with a five-year manufacturer's warranty. It has an MSRP of \$1,795 FOB.

Contact local dealers or Safashor Products International, 5900 Orange Ave., Fort Pierce, FL 34947. 772-828-2696. info@safashor.com; www.safashor.com. ■



Fun Plaques Make Great Holiday Gifts For Boaters

A walk through most boats inevitably reveals a number of informational plaques identifying controls for various devices, pointing out the location of safety equipment or providing cautionary and compliance reminders. A series of fun plaques from Bernard Engraving may seem official at first glance, but quickly raise a smile with their humorous messaging.

Bernard Engraving Fun Plaques feature either gold foil lettering and borders against a black ABS plastic background, or white on a red background. Most measure 3-1/2" H x 5" W. Each features an adhesive backing strip for simple mounting on a variety of surfaces.

With 88 different messages in all, from a panic button to tap when things go wrong to "official" notifications concerning marriage and the onboard chain-of-command, these amusing plaques create smiles onboard all the time. They also make ideal holiday gifts for boaters. Suggested retail price is \$4.40 each.

Contact local dealers or Bernard Engraving, P.O. Box 320034, Fairfield, CT 06825. 800-654-2094; sales@bernardengraving.com; www.bernardengraving.com

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Cool Days Mean Great Crappie Fishing

Curt Rambo, Leroy Price, Art Chamberlin know Roosevelt.

BY MARGIE ANDERSON

Cool days mean great crappie fishing, and nobody knows Roosevelt crappie better than Curt Rambo, Leroy Price, and Art Chamberlin. Curt is a jig guy and Art and Leroy like to troll. Here's how they do it.

"I drive around and look for brush in twenty to thirty feet of water," Rambo explains. "Sometimes it takes an hour to find a good spot, and sometimes you don't find one all day."

Just about any cove with submerged brush can be good.



Leroy Price At Roosevelt Lake



Curt Rambo And John Anderson At Roosevelt



Art Chamberlin's Grandson KC With A Really Nice Roosevelt Crappie

Drop A Jig Down There

Look for brush in ten to thirty feet of water, and even if you don't see fish on the graph, drop a jig down there anyway. Often the crappie are buried so deep in the tree that you can't tell they are there by looking at the depthfinder. "There might be twenty bushes in there, and only one will have fish on it," he says. You need to be persistent.

Rambo may visit ten or more places a day, and not all of them will produce on any given day. Until a few weeks ago he was fishing Berkley Power Grubs, but in the cooler fall weather a Creme Lit'l

Fishie on an 1/8-ounce jig is his favorite. He gets right over the fish and drops the lure to the bottom, then puts the rod tip on the water's surface and reels the line taut. Three to five more cranks, and then he begins to raise and lower the rod, watching the line and feeling for a bite.

"If you can see the fish down there and you're not getting bit you're probably too shallow," Curt says. Just give the reel a couple more cranks and keep trying.

Trolling

While Curt is jigging for crappie, guides like Art Chamberlin and Leroy

Price are trolling. In October, Leroy starts trolling in the Tonto end, out toward the middle. "I might be over forty, fifty, or even sixty feet of water," Leroy explains, "but the fish are still only about twenty to twenty-five feet deep."

It's always better to keep your lures above crappie, since they feed up. Leroy keeps his lures running at about ten to twelve feet deep. He uses two 1/16-ounce jigs on each rod, tied from eighteen inches to two feet apart. On the top jigs are 2-inch John Deere Kalin grubs (green and

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safety to empower smart choices for outdoor activities. It will include bringing awareness to new experiences kids may have otherwise had limited access to in our community and awakening the family life in our area to the potential of adventure in our own backyard.

Activities For Kids And Families

Kids and families will be able to experience activities such as fishing, hiking, bike riding, and animal/equestrian care. They will interact with business for tours and shadow opportunity, BLM tours and education, Arizona Game and Fish presentations, Law Enforcement Awareness and general connections to how our community thrives. We have the potential to change kids' lives with these experiences and it will depend on strong connections, ethical actions and the proper funding to furnish the desires.

Others Involved

Our official launch will be with the backing of the Lake Havasu Marine Association Boat Show from April 3-5, 2020

in Lake Havasu City, Ariz. We will be hosting a Kids Corner Zone with organizers and volunteers promoting the launch of Kids Corner Enrichment as a 501c3. With our ability to provide a safe and educational area like never before, locals and guests will understand the direction this organization is headed.

Public Awareness

Our vision is to promote awareness in public events for water and sun safety to keep our community on its toes about life-jacket awareness, proper hydration, sunscreen importance, as well as looking out for others. We want to encourage quick action in a moment of emergency as well as law-enforcement awareness. We live on one of the deadliest bodies of water in the United States; let's educate our youth on making smart decisions as well as helping others in need.

Need-To-Knows

The 8th Annual Sand-Water-RV Expo is presented by JetRenu with co-sponsorship support from Sunshine RV of Lake Havasu featuring over 140 exhibitors and vendors focused on boating, off-roading and RVing.

The Expo will be open to the public from 9am to 5pm on Saturday, Novem-

ber 16 and on Sunday, November 17 from 9pm to 3pm. Adult admission is only \$5.00, children 6 and under are free and on-site parking is also free.

If you'd like to make the Expo a two-day affair, 2-Day VIP discount admission passes will be available at the Expo ticket office on Saturday, November 16. Food, beverage and beer garden concessions are on-site, dogs okay on leash.

The Lake Havasu State Park, Windsor 3 & 4 venue is located on London Bridge Road approximately one-half mile north of the London Bridge directly behind the Hampton Inn.

More Information

More Expo information is available at the website: <http://www.sandandwater-expo.com>.

Who Will Be King Of The Boards?

8th Annual Sand-Water-RV Expo has more than boats, off-road vehicles, and RVs. The largest outdoor recreation and

motorsports show is set to host Havasu Cornhole Championships on Saturday, Nov. 16.

Baggers will be out in force again on Saturday at the Sand-Water-RV Expo at Lake Havasu State Park Windsor 4 as the 2019 Havasu Cornhole Championships will be looking to crown a new "king of the boards". This will be a one-day tournament with singles and doubles competition categories. Players will sign-up and register that morning, on the Windsor 4 greenbelt.

Tournament practice begins at 10:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. for elimination competition. Entry fees are \$10 for singles and \$20 for doubles. The prize purse will consist of a 100 percent payback of entry fees. Bring your game, let's have fun! Entry into the tournament also includes admission to the Expo and parking is free.

More information regarding the Cornhole Championships is available by calling tournament director, Bob Crum 303-915-0948 or email bobjean2960@msn.com. ■

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Sponsored by BoatUS and a host of other local businesses and marine-related companies, the daylong, ladies-only series of shore-and-boat-based workshops offer beginners to experts a welcoming environment to learn more about all topics sailing.

Combination Of Workshops

Attendees select a combination of workshops in areas that best fits their interest and ability. Course instructors are top women sailors, many of whom are

U.S. Coast Guard Licensed Captains. Workshops include: Welcome Aboard for Beginners, Diesels, Going Up the Mast, Docking, Suddenly Singlehanded, Weather, Sail Trim, Basic Navigation, Electronic Navigation, Electrical Systems, DIY Canvas Projects, How to Heave a Line, Nighttime Navigation, Winch Workshop, Spinnaker Rigging, Offshore Cruising, How to Avoid Mistakes, the Art of Motor-sailing, and Introduction to Sailing.

Lhamon Featured Speaker

Capping the event, the dinner's featured speaker will be Haley Lhamon, a

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'You Know Where The Gun Store Is'

BY JOHN ANDERSON

I saw a great meme the other day: It said, "Quit saying I'm hard to buy for – you know where the gun store is!". Made me laugh and also made me realize that gift-giving season is almost upon us. If you've got a shooter or two on your list, here are some ideas from stocking stuffer to splurge.

SSP Eyewear

SSP Eyewear is known for great shooting glasses, and their newest offering is the Methow Kit with six different interchangeable lenses plus the ability to accept an adapter for prescription lenses. A clear, adjustable floating nose piece prevents blind spots and fits almost any nose shape. The lenses are designed to enhance any shooting situation: clear for low light or rain, bronze for brightening those orange clays and reducing eye fatigue, yellow for increasing visibility of orange targets in low light or overcast conditions, purple for bright sun or snow glare, orange for medium to low light, and pink to enhance targets against a green background.

The Methow Kit runs around \$130, but SSP has a lot of other great options. Check them out at www.sspeyewear.com.

Alien Gear Holsters, Mat

I can't do a gift guide without including Alien Gear Holsters – I love their stuff. The one that really caught my eye recently is the new ShapeShift Backpack Holster. I've seen a lot of harnesses and things like that so that you can strap a holster to your chest for use with a backpack, but the Alien Gear holster has a tactical clamp that fastens securely to your backpack strap to hold the holster in place.

It's ribbed so it stays wherever you put it. Because the holster shells are custom made for each model gun, you don't have to worry at all about your weapon's sliding out of this holster unless you want it to. It's just under \$50 and perfect for any backpacker or hunter. Find this and lot of other fantastic holsters at www.aliengearholsters.com.

One thing every shooter needs is a gun cleaning mat, and Alien Gear has one of those, too – and it's less than \$15. Theirs is lightweight, flexible, won't crease, and stays put. The top is neoprene so it won't mar your weapon. The perfect gift for under \$20. www.aliengearholsters.com.

Effective Range Targets

Effective Range Targets are the ideal gift for any hunter. Here's how they work: Set the target at 100 yards. Fire five rounds from a hunting position. Now you can determine your effective range up to



Effective Range Targets

600 yards based on which vital ring all five shots have impacted.

The targets are available for over 20 game animals and they provide practical and ethical information you can use in the field. As you look at the photo of the targets, notice the various rings with different diameters. If all five of your shots land within the first ring, you'll be accurate all the way out to 600 yards.

If you land them all inside that last ring (the fine lines, not the big bold outside), you're good out to 200 yards. The targets come in packs of five for \$10 - \$20 depending on species. Go to www.effective-rangetargets.com (use promo code WHE2019 for 40 percent off!).

Fix It Sticks

If your shooter is also a tinkerer, the Fix It Sticks new All-In-One Miniature Torque Driver is the perfect gift. It's available individually or in a kit, and provides six torque values most commonly used by expert and professional shooters, all in one compact driver. There are no settings to hassle with – just install any 1/4-inch bit or socket and tighten until the proper torque is achieved.

Just watch the settings on the side, or go between the settings for custom torques. The kit comes with their T-handle wrench, a 1/2-inch socket, and fifteen 1/4-inch hex bits commonly used for scope mounts, action screws and other firearm accessories. The driver alone is \$60, and the kit is \$112. Check them out at Fix It Sticks.



Fix It Sticks Miniature Torque Driver And Kit



Scent Lok Vapour Jacket

Scentlok Jackets

It gets cold outside during hunting season, especially if you are sitting in a blind or out on a hillside glassing. A good jacket is essential, and Scentlok has jackets in a variety of camo patterns, weights, and styles. They not only protect you from the elements, but also they have Carbon Alloy technology for maximum odor absorption – crucial for bowhunters or any time the wind keeps shifting.

The brushed tricot outer and fleece upper liner makes for a silent stalk and zip pockets keep your gear secure. You have to check out their complete line of hunters' clothing at www.scentlok.com. They had a Vapour waterproof midweight jacket in Realtree Edge for under \$90 when I logged in.



Glock E-Trainer

Glock E-Trainer

Anyone with a CCW knows that training is essential – and not just now and then. Ideally, you should be able to train every day. That's where dry fire comes in. This is simply pulling the trigger on an empty gun. One of the reasons that dry fire drills are effective is that you can practice shooting in a variety of positions, fire while moving, practice drawing and firing, and even do things like practice firing from inside your vehicle, all safely and at home.

The problem is that every time you pull that trigger on a semi-auto, you have to rack the slide to reset it. If you have a shooter who loves Glocks, fix that problem for her with a Glock E-Trainer from www.ConcealedCarry.com. For under

\$25, this little device simply installs on the back of the slide and lets you repeatedly press the trigger without having to rack the slide. Perfect!



DeadPoint Gun Light



DeadPoint Gun Light

Guide Rod Weapon Light

One of the coolest gifts I've seen by far is the Guide Rod Weapon Light by DeadPoint. These little LED lights fit inside the pistol where the guide rod goes – right under the muzzle. Installation is a DIY job, and the lights are plenty bright with replaceable batteries. They are designed for a variety of Glock pistols and are around \$150 each. Go to www.deadpointlights.com to see the models they'll fit, watch an installation video, and shop.

Stocking Stuffers

If you're looking for stocking stuffers, pick up a couple boxes of ammo, a gift card, a bottle of Hoppes gun solvent, gun oil, or even a small gun tool kit to go in the range bag. Buy an hour at the indoor range for \$15, or splurge and get a membership. Targets are always needed, too, and they don't cost much.

Head over to Sportsman's Warehouse, Cabelas, or Bass Pro and just wander around in the shooting section and you're sure to find a lot of great ideas. For instance, you can get a nice ammo storage can for under ten bucks. Happy Holidays! ■



RAMP CLOSED

Arizona State Parks plans to close the main boat ramp at Alamo Lake Nov. 1-25 to allow for dam repairs. Dates are subject to change. Cholla Ramp will remain open and is fully functional.

Major League Fishing Acquires Fishing League Worldwide

Major League Fishing (MLF) announced October 10 that it has reached an agreement to acquire Fishing League Worldwide (FLW), the world's largest tournament-fishing organization. The Letter of Intent (LOI) sets in motion the most significant brand merger in competitive bass fishing history, linking a tour and original, award-winning programming featuring the top professional anglers in the world to an extensive grassroots organization that serves tens of thousands of competitive anglers from high school and college to weekenders and tour pros.

"We're thrilled about welcoming FLW to the MLF team," said Jim Wilburn, president and CEO of Major League Fishing. "FLW shares our commitment to creating tournaments and opportunities centered on the success of the angler. Through this acquisition, we are better positioned to support anglers and sponsors at all levels."

All Levels Of Grassroots Fishing

"Our business plan always included reaching all levels of grassroots fishing," said Boyd Duckett, MLF co-founder and President of the Professional Bass Tour Anglers' Association (PBTAA). "FLW does it best with the Tour and grassroots tournaments; their reputation in competitive bass fishing is remarkable and their culture has always been pro-angler, which makes this the perfect opportunity for

both organizations. We couldn't be more excited about FLW: their team, anglers, and sponsors."

"This announcement marks a thrilling new chapter in FLW's history as we join Major League Fishing and begin a new era in the sport of competitive bass fishing," said FLW President of Operations Kathy Fennel. "As part of the Major League Fishing team, we look forward to enhancing and expanding tournament offerings to our anglers and fans. Our teams have a very similar mission and vision – to support anglers at all levels, provide the industry with unmatched opportunities, and grow the sport. The complementary strengths of our organizations make this a win for the entire sport."

MLF Began As TV Product

Established in 2011, MLF began as a television product and has grown into a sports league with the launch of the Bass Pro Tour in January of 2019. MLF is a partnership between the PBTAA and Outdoor Sportsman Group (OSG), a division of Kroenke Sports & Entertainment.

"As MLF continues to grow, we're committed to find the right opportunities to extend the Outdoor Sportsman Group properties," Outdoor Sportsman Group President and CEO, Jim Liberatore said. "Through this acquisition, MLF can leverage our extensive media reach and award-winning content production to pro-

vide competitive bass fishing at all levels.

FLW's Five Tournament Circuits

Each year FLW offers thousands of anglers of all skill levels across the globe the opportunity to compete for millions of dollars in prize money in five tournament circuits. Under the leadership of Irwin Jacobs, FLW expanded the top level of competition to include the industry's first seven-figure purse

"It has been our mission since my father, Irwin Jacobs, purchased FLW in 1996 to bring the highest quality of tournaments to anglers, sponsors and fans around the world," said Trish Blake, FLW President of Marketing. "By joining forces with Major League Fishing, the sport of professional tournament fishing will be taken to new heights for anglers across the world at all levels.

Major League Fishing and Fishing League Worldwide anticipate an acquisition close date of October 31, 2019.

For more information about this acquisition, visit MajorLeagueFishing.com/FLW.

About FLW

FLW is the world's largest tournament-fishing organization, providing anglers of all skill levels the opportunity to compete in more than 290 bass-fishing tournaments across five circuits. Head-

quartered in Benton, Kentucky, FLW and their partners offer a High School Fishing and College Fishing Series, the Bass Fishing League (BFL) series for grassroots anglers, the Costa FLW Series for aspiring professionals and the FLW Tour, which showcases some of the top anglers in the world. For more information visit FLWFishing.com and follow FLW on YouTube, Facebook, and Instagram.

About Major League Fishing

Founded in 2011, Major League Fishing (MLF) brings the high-intensity sport of competitive bass fishing into America's living rooms on Outdoor Channel, Discovery, CBS, CBS Sports Network, World Fishing Network, Sportsman Channel and on-demand on MyOutdoorTV (MOTV). New for 2019, the Bass Pro Tour consists of eight events and a championship streamed live on www.MajorLeagueFishing.com and MOTV. MLF uses the entertaining and conservation-friendly catch, weigh and immediate-release format where every scorable bass counts and the winner is the angler with the highest cumulative weight.

For more information on the league and anglers, visit www.majorleaguefishing.com and follow MLF on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

For more in-depth coverage, see *Game & Fish* magazine, the official publication of MLF. ■

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member of the 2018 eight-member team of women who won the 2018 R2AK (Race to Alaska). Known as one of the most challenging on water races in America that takes place over 750-miles of cold, treacherous waters up the famed Inside Passage, R2AK participants may not use a motor and are literally on their own – no support along the way is permitted.

From Port Townsend, Washington to Ketchikan, Alaska, Lhamon's "Sail Like a Girl" team planned well, practiced, and

had plenty of moral support from families and friends to win with the first all-women team and first monohull, a Melges 32.

Lhamon grew up in Texas in a big family and learned to sail at a young age, becoming a winning competitive youth sailor and later cruising distant waters in Europe, South America and New Zealand. A Stanford University graduate, Lhamon now resides in Washington State where she has been a strong promoter of youth sailing.

Early Bird Registration

The early bird convention registration fee is \$219, which increases \$235

bottle opener helps end a perfect day.

The Snap Tool Multi-Key is 2.75" wide by 4.48" long—about the size of a playing card. It's stronger and thicker than all other deck plate keys, yet only weighs 2.8 ounces. It's made from hardened 304 stainless steel for long-lived corrosion resistance. It costs \$13.99.

Contact local dealers or Davis Instruments, 3465 Diablo Ave., Hayward, CA 94545. 510-732-9229; Fax: 510-732-9188. info@davisinstruments.com; www.davisinstruments.com. ■

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Tool Multi-Key has three metric and four SAE hex wrenches, slotted and Phillips screwdrivers, a scraper and a recessed cutting blade. Three deck plate keys open any deck fill. A shackle tool unscrews even corroded pins. The button snapper, unsnapper and zipper pull are perfect for dirty and shrunken canvas. A convenient lanyard hole allows it to be worn around the neck. And once the boat is moored, a

after Dec. 31. The fee includes workshops, breakfast, lunch, dinner, souvenirs and handouts. Prepaid-registrations are required as space is limited to approximately 240 attendees. To obtain a reservation form, email gail@sailing-conventionforwomen.com or call 951-677-8121. Bookings can be made online on/after December 10, 2019 at SailingConventionforWomen.com. ■

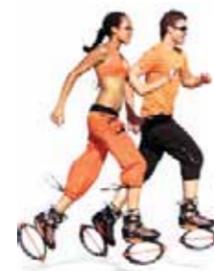
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GREAT GIFTS FOR THE OUTDOORS

Here's A List For Your Holiday Shopping

BY MARGIE ANDERSON

One of the best things about enjoying the outdoors is that you can do it no matter what your age or activity level is, and it doesn't matter if you live in town or out in the country. When I was a kid, I was lucky enough to live near a big desert area in town, and my dad regularly took us out camping and hunting, but even if I were just hanging around the house, I could lie on my belly in the grass and watch the bugs and the birds in our backyard.

So, whether you're looking for a gift for a hard-core survivalist or a weekend camper, here are some ideas for holiday gifts.



Stansport Youth Gold Panning Kit

Stansport Youth Gold-Panning Kit

Got a kid who loves to go camping but gets a bit bored with fishing in the creek? Why not get her a Stansport Youth Gold Panning Kit? Arizona is famous for gold mines, and you absolutely never know what you'll find in any Arizona stream. The kit includes a 10.5-inch gold pan, 2 vials to hold nuggets and dust, tweezers with a magnifier, a hand trowel, and a snuffer bottle.

The snuffer bottle is used to vacuum the gold out of your pan – just squeeze it, hold the nozzle over the gold, and slowly release the squeeze to suck the gold right

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BioLite Fire Pit

BioLite Fire Pit

The BioLite Fire Pit is a splurge that might be the ideal gift for a family that enjoys the outdoors. If you're like me, it seems like no matter where I position myself, the smoke from the campfire follows me around. The BioLite Fire Pit burns wood or charcoal with no smoke, thanks to airflow technology that creates hyper-efficient flames.

The mesh body gives a 360 view of the flames. All you have to do to turn it into a portable hibachi grill is lift the fuel rack and throw in the charcoal. You can actually control the size of the flames with an app! The airflow system will run 24 hours on low on a single charge – and the low setting gives you the biggest flames.

One of the best things about it is that it cools off quickly so you can move camp or pack up. A solar cover is sold separately, and it will charge the unit. This FirePit costs just under \$200. Biolite has a lot of great camp stoves as well, and most of them produce electricity while they burn, so you can hook up lights or charge your electronics. Check all their stuff out at www.bioliteenergy.com.

Fenix LD02 AAA

Everyone needs a flashlight, and if you camp in the desert you might want one with a UV light as well – to light up those scorpions that may have gotten



StealthAngel 10-In-1 Multifunction Compass

into your tent or bedroll. The Fenix LD02 AAA flashlight runs on one AAA battery and the LED light gives you 70 lumens of warm white light and 200mW of UV light. It's super compact – just over 3-1/2 inches long and a half inch in diameter and weighs less than an ounce. Perfect for your pocket. The cost? Less than \$30. See all the amazing Fenix products at www.fenix-store.com.

Thiessens Rainwear

Is there a beloved hunter or fisherman on your list? What about an inveterate hiker? He or she probably needs Thiessens new V1 Whitetail Packable Rainwear. These aren't cheap – just under \$90 per piece, so \$180 for the suit, but it'll be the last rainsuit they ever need.

They're light, with a breathable membrane that keeps outside moisture out but allows some inside moisture to escape. The jacket has a hood that allows for peripheral vision. Comes with a stuff sack so you can keep it handy in the OHV, boat, or backpack. Check them out at www.thiessens.com.

StealthAngel Compass

One thing that breaks my heart is the reliance on electronic devices instead of paper maps. I learned to pinpoint my loca-

tion with a map and compass when I was in high school, and it's a valuable skill. Unfortunately, most youngsters these days figure they don't need paper maps because Siri will show them the way. Maybe a StealthAngel 10-in-1 Multifunction Military Compass is cool enough to spark an interest in the life-saving skill of map reading.

This military-style compass is more than just a compass – it's also a thermometer, hyrometer, mirror/reflector, level, magnifying glass, ruler, LED light, whistle, and fire starter. The cool factor is very high. And the best part? It's under \$15 so you can afford to gift a map with it. I really want one of these myself. Go to www.stealthangelsurvival.com and check out this compass and lots of other incredible survival gear.

GoSun Solar Stove

All of us in Arizona know what it's like to camp where no fires are allowed. Fire danger is so extreme at times that even charcoal is not permitted. So why not cook with something that is always around in Arizona – the sun! The GoSun Portable Solar Stove weighs less than two pounds and reaches a max temperature of

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The prize? A lovely fresh tree with that wonderful scent that cannot be duplicated by any air freshener ever -- the evergreen fragrance of pine or fir.

Where To Cut

There are private Christmas tree farms that don't require permits or tags or specific cutting dates, but that is not the case for trees from one of these national forests in Arizona: Tonto, Apache-Sitgreaves, Kaibab, Coconino, and Prescott.

When To Cut

Tree cutting season runs from mid-November, when the permits go on sale, to December 24, Christmas Eve, according to the United States Department of Agriculture. Because the traditional firs and ponderosa pines are a commodity in Arizona, it's a good idea to start your search early. Pre-Thanksgiving is not too soon.



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What To Do Then

Only firs and ponderosa pines may be cut from national forests in Arizona. Once you have your permit, you'll also have a map, a tag, and a sheet of facts to help you with your search. Trees of up to 10 feet may be cut, but no taller.

It is easier to do the cutting of your chosen tree with a partner. Have him or her hold the top as another saws the tree trunk. A good idea is to catch the tree on a tarp, thus making it easier to carry and to protect your car. It is important to attach the Forest Service tag you received to show you have purchased a permit.

How To Get A Permit

The number of permits that go on sale depends on the forest and the year, but generally, it's about 1,000 per National Forest. They're available from mid-No-

vember and they're first-come, first-serve. The cost is around \$15 each, but only one per household is allowed. While some allow purchase via mail order, others require that you obtain your permit in person, so you may need to pay a visit to one of the ranger stations.

Tonto National Forest

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 Payson Ranger District: 1009 E. Highway 260, Payson
 Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest
 Supervisor's Office: 30 S. Chiricahua Dr., Springerville
 Alpine Ranger District: 42634 Hwy. 180/191, Alpine
 Black Mesa Ranger District: 2748 E.



GoSun Solar Oven

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550 degrees. It cooks most meals in 20 – 30 minutes and costs just under \$119. It will work even on cloudy days, boils water, fits in your backpack, and is perfect for hot dogs, small fish, and diced food.

Want to cook bigger meals or have one around in case the power goes out? They have bigger ovens ranging from \$229 to \$449 and even a Solar Kitchen – the ultimate off-grid kitchen that includes the ice-free Chill and a hybrid solar-electric oven for \$1799. Visit www.gosun.co to see all their products. (and yes, there is no m at the end of the website address)

BentoStack

Do you have an Apple fan who often travels to his or her outdoor adventures? Or possibly stays in hotels instead of setting up a base camp? The BentoStack is the ultimate cool gift for him. Inspired by those adorable Bento boxes for Japanese lunches, the BentoStack is a multi-layered metal box designed to perfectly transport all the Apple accessories your techie trav-



The BentoStack And BentoStack Charge

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HEX Bluetooth Speaker/Charger

HEX Bluetooth Speaker/Charger

The HEX Bluetooth Speaker/Charger is perfect for campers, backpackers, picnic lovers, bikers – you name it. This little device is not just a Bluetooth speaker – it's also a lantern, a flashlight, an FM radio, and a micro SD card reader all in one. It has a USB port for charging mobile devices and a micro USB port for rapid charging.

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pers too. Go to www.hybridlight.com to see them.



Wazoo Functional Fabrics

Wazoo Survival Gear

As most outdoorsmen, I love things that serve more than one purpose – it makes them more worthwhile to carry. Wazoo functional fabrics fit the bill because you don't really have to carry them – you can wear them. In fact, you could even let your dog wear one. They have two amazing bandanas – the Foraging Bandana has pictures and info on twelve of the most common plants and fungus of North America, along with the 5 steps of identifying edible plants and the rules and ethics of foraging.

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ing stuffer for your outdoorsman. Wazoo Survival Gear also has lots of other great stuff and you can see it all at www.wazosurvivalgear.com.

Shakespeare's Catch A Monster

We can't forget the little angler in your life. Shakespeare's Catch a Monster combo rod and reel sets are perfect for kids who already love fishing and even for those who aren't quite sure yet. They are designed to appeal to young kids and come in four colors and designs.



Shakespeare Catch A Monster Rod And Reel Combos

The rods are 2'6" medium power one-piece rods and are paired with spincast reels to match. Each reel has a "monster" face. They are so cute, and under \$15. Look for them at your local tackle shop or go to www.shakespeare-fishing.com.

Head To Local Outdoor Shop

If you're looking for stocking stuffers, head to your local outdoor shop and head for the camping and cookware department. Look for the gadget section – there you'll find things like waterproof match holders, smash-proof holders for eggs, leak-proof salt and pepper shakers, wire saws, fire starting kits, survival bandanas, compasses, water purification tablets, and all kinds of great stuff. Lots of that stuff is under \$10. Sportsmans Warehouse has a huge selection and I almost always snag something when I'm there.

And if you're looking for lots of ideas, check out this blog by my favorite blogger – Jillee – it's called "23 Items Under \$5 That Can Save Your Life!" find it here: <https://www.onegoodthingbyjillee.com/23-items-under-5-that-can-save-your-life/>

A Holiday Wish

I hope you got some great gift ideas from this – I know I sure want some of this stuff. Have a wonderful holiday! ■

Canyon Coolers Offer 10 Percent Discount To You, 10 Percent To Help Arizona's Wildlife

AZGFD continues innovative public-private collaborations to help fund wildlife conservation.

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Use this link to automatically apply the discount code to your cart: <http://bit.ly/2lMqoSp>.

AZGFD is proud to announce this unique collaboration with Canyon Cool-

ers, a premium cooler company headquartered in Flagstaff, as part of its ongoing efforts to find innovative ways to fund wildlife conservation. With strong local ties and a deep-rooted interest in the great outdoors, Canyon Coolers is eager to support the department's mission.

This collaboration exemplifies the governor's emphasis on embracing innovation to promote small businesses while expanding opportunities to fund conservation of the state's natural resources. The Arizona Game and Fish Department conserves and protects the state's 800-plus species of wildlife, and this critical wildlife conservation work is done without any general fund tax dollars. Your support makes all the difference in our combined success.



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For more information, contact the Arizona Game and Fish Department at 602-942-3000.

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Dozens Of Captive Desert Tortoises Need Forever Homes



For some, a dog or cat will do just fine. But for others who are considering adopting something uniquely Arizonan, say hello to your next family member: a captive Sonoran desert tortoise.

How To Adopt

Due primarily to illegal breeding, the department has dozens of tortoises of varying ages and sizes available for adoption. Arizona residents interested in providing an adoptive home can sub-

mit an online application at www.azgfd.gov/tortoise and an information packet on how to properly care for a tortoise, including instructions on how to build an enclosure/burrow.

Captive tortoises grow up to about 14 inches long and can live upwards of 80 years. They also cannot be released back into the wild because they could spread diseases that harm wild popula-

Tortoise Enclosure Required

Adopters must have a securely enclosed yard or construct a separate enclosure/burrow to protect the tortoise from potential hazards such as a fire pit, unfenced pool or dogs. The enclosed area must include an appropriate shelter for the tortoise to escape Arizona's extreme summer heat and a place to brumate — a seasonal period of inactivity similar to

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Arizonans Honored By Association Of Fish & Wildlife Agencies

The Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies (AFWA) recently recognized three individuals from Arizona as well as the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) for their dedication to advancing wildlife conservation. The awards were presented at the association's annual awards ceremony held in late September in St. Paul, Minn.



Pictured L to R: Ty Gray, AZGFD Director; Doug Burt, AZGFD Hunting & Shooting Sports Program Manager; Ed Carter, outgoing AFWA President, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency; and Emcee / Presenter Rusty Garrison, Georgia DNR Wildlife Resources Division.

Doug Burt

AZGFD Hunting and Shooting Sports Program Manager Doug Burt and the Arizona Game and Fish Department received the Boone and Crockett Award, which honors an agency and team leader for outstanding achievement in promoting and encouraging outdoor ethics. Burt's personal character and ethics, along with his unique ability to build trust among

partners and channel efforts into decisive action, allowed the Game and Fish Department and its sportsmen's/outdoor partner groups to have a great impact on the state's recruitment, retention and reactivation (R3) efforts.

"The credit really goes to the outstanding statewide collaboration of NGOs, rod and gun clubs, and youth development organizations rallying around hunter R3 long before it was called R3," said Burt. "We are only able to conduct our wide range of youth and mentoring events because of the active participation, support, and leadership from our partner organizations."



Pete Cimellaro (left) receives the John L. Morris Award from Ed Carter and Rusty Garrison.

Pete Cimellaro

Pete Cimellaro received the John L. Morris Award, which recognizes a lifetime commitment to fish and wildlife stewardship by citizen conservationists who have exhibited exemplary leadership

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Bald Eagle Breeding Areas Expand; Number Of Nestlings Dips In 2019

A record number of bald eagle breeding areas couldn't guarantee another shattered record of eagle nestlings, which dipped to 71 during the 2019 breeding season from 87 hatched in 2018.

During the Arizona Game and Fish Department annual bald eagle survey this summer, raptor biologists counted a minimum of 74 occupied breeding areas statewide, which was up from the 69 counted last year. Despite that, the number of eggs laid this year dipped slightly to 97 from the 102 counted last year.

Additionally, the number of birds that made the important milestone of their first flight, known as fledging, dipped to 63 from the 70 recorded in 2018.



FREE! — A juvenile bald eagle flies away after being released at Horseshoe Lake in June.

Population Continues To Be Strong

"While we always hope for Arizona's

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at the highest level and demonstrated a steadfast commitment to large-scale natural resource challenges.

Cimellaro's interest in wildlife is varied, but one of the species he is passionate about is wild sheep. At one time, bighorn sheep in Arizona were extirpated from almost 75 percent of their historical range and numbered about 1,000. Thanks to the efforts of sportsmen's/conservation groups working in partnership with the Arizona Game and Fish Department, bighorn sheep now roam most of the state and number more than 6,000.

This took a huge amount of commitment from Cimellaro that reaches well be-

yond the time he spent in leadership roles with the Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society and Wild Sheep Foundation. Some of the other conservation groups he was instrumental in organizing are the Arizona Deer Association, Arizona Antelope Foundation, and Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation.

Chris Parish

Chris Parish, Director of Global Conservation for The Peregrine Fund, received a Special Recognition Award. The Peregrine Fund works worldwide to prevent raptor extinctions, protect areas of high raptor conservation value, and address landscape-level threats impacting multiple species. Parish works tirelessly to develop partnerships between non-profit organizations and other manage-

work together to ensure tortoises are not only placed in proper homes but also with responsible owners.

More Information

For more information about AZGFD's Tortoise Adoption Program or to provide a donation to help the department cover costs for tortoise food, shelter and medical expenses, visit www.azgfd.gov/tortoise.

If you suspect someone is illegally breeding Sonoran desert tortoises, please contact the AZGFD Operation Game Thief hotline at 800-352-0700. Those submitting a tip can remain anonymous.

Did You Know?

The Arizona Game and Fish Department conserves and protects Arizona's 800+ wildlife species but receives NO Arizona general fund tax dollars. Contribute to our on-the-ground conservation efforts at www.AzWildlifeHero.com. ■

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hibernation — during winter.

Watch a video on how to build a tortoise shelter: www.youtube.com/watch?v=YZ7_5LFh-Go&feature=youtu.be

The Rules

The department typically adopts one tortoise per household, but an additional tortoise of the same sex can be adopted if it is placed in a completely separate enclosure as they can be territorial. Federal law prohibits desert tortoises from being transported across state lines.

It is also illegal to remove Sonoran desert tortoises from the wild and to allow them to breed in captivity. One female tortoise living to 80 years old can produce more than 800 babies in her lifetime. This is why it is crucial that AZGFD

What The Public Does Not Know

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Near Superior, Ariz.

for an entire year. When they harvest that animal, their hunt is over. What the public does not know, however, is where all that money goes.

Each year, Arizona's conservation groups help raise close to \$2,000,000.00 through the auction and raffle tags for all of the big game species in Arizona. There are two tags that are auctioned and one tag that is raffled for each of the big game species. Those lucky tag winners / bidders are entitled to hunt one animal

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Chris Parish (left) receives a Special Recognition Award from Ed Carter and Rusty Garrison.

ment agencies, and he has not forgotten that the individual sportsmen and women are the most important partners to gain in this effort.

He works diligently to understand issues and to create a culture where volun-

tary change can occur. His commitment to wildlife and the ideals of the North American Model of Wildlife Management are exemplified in every aspect of his professional and personal life.

About The Association

The Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies represents North America's fish and wildlife agencies to advance sound, science-based management and conservation of fish and wildlife and their habitats in the public interest. The association represents its state agency members on Capitol Hill and before the administration to advance favorable fish and wildlife conservation policy and funding, and it works to ensure that all entities work collaboratively on the most important issues. ■

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In Flanders Fields

BY JOHN MCCRAE

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae was a soldier, physician, and poet.

Why is the poem In Flanders Fields so important?

Its powerful use of the symbol of the poppies blooming from the churned earth led to the tradition, to this day, of the poppy as a symbol of remembrance for those killed in service. By 1917, “In Flanders Fields» was known throughout the English-speaking world.

Do poppies still grow in Flanders Fields?

Though the poppies still grow, even the beauty of Flanders fields may be a reminder of the losses of the brave many. Poppy seed can lie dormant in the ground for years.

How many soldiers died at Flanders Field?

This is the only American World War I cemetery in Belgium and 411 American



Map Showing Location Of Flanders Fields

servicemen are buried or commemorated there. Many of them fell at Spitaals Bosschen, an action of the Ypres-Lys Campaign by the 91st Infantry Division in the closing days of World War I.

How do poppies grow in battlefields?

Field poppies are triggered into germination when the soil is disturbed and they are exposed to light - which is why they are typically found in cornfields, especially those ploughed in spring, and why they grew with such a poignant presence in the shell-churned fields of World War I.

Was there a battle in Flanders Field?

The Battle of Flanders (French: Bataille des Flandres) is the name of several battles fought in Flanders (a region in northern France and Belgium) during the First World War. ... Third Battle of Flanders (11 July – 10 November 1917) - The Battle of Passchendaele/Third Battle of Ypres - an Anglo-French offensive.

When do Americans typically wear poppies?

Americans don't typically wear poppies on November 11 (Veterans Day),



Poppy Wreaths At The Menin Gate In Ypres, Belgium

which honors all living veterans. Instead, they wear the symbolic red flower on Memorial Day — the last Monday in May — to commemorate the sacrifice of so many men and women who have given their lives fighting for their country.

Are poppies also significant in Canada?

In Canada, the poppy is the official symbol of remembrance worn during the two weeks before 11 November, having been adopted in 1921. The Royal Canadian Legion, which has trademarked the image, suggests that poppies be worn on the left lapel, or as near the heart as possible. ■

What does the poem In Flanders Fields mean?

“In Flanders Fields” is a poem written by John McCrae during the first World War. The poem describes poppies blooming between gravestones. ... The poppies represent the fallen soldiers, who died in the days before. They felt the sun, but now they lie beneath the ground.

Where are Flanders fields located?

Flanders Fields, the name of World War I battlefields in the medieval County of Flanders, which spans southern Belgium and north-west France.

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Those Who Assemble Speak

Hear from those who assemble the mighty little flowers in “The Veterans Behind the Buddy Poppy” video. www.youtube.com/watch?v=6TUjEMJjSZY

Publisher’s Note: Consider joining one of your local veterans organizations or their auxiliaries.

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This Is Where You Come In!

By Fostering

Kitten and puppy season is thankfully coming to a close but phone calls continue to pour in to help owned animals in need. Our Temporary Care Program is in high demand, and we want to help as many people keep their pets as we can! Many of the animals in our Temporary Care Program (TCP) will be with us for up to 90 days and we want to make their stay as relaxing as possible.

Many have come from highly emotional situations. We would rather have the TCP animals go into foster homes because it is akin to the type of environment that they are used to, and it allows us to bring in more animals in need. With the calls continuing to pour in, we know there simply won't be enough room for them all. Plain and simply put, we just don't have the fosters or the shelter-space available. This is where you come in!

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By Paving The Pathway Of Hope

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Lost Our Home Pet Rescue's 9th Annual Holiday Champagne Brunch & Auction is set for Sunday, Dec. 8 from 11 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Arizona Grand Resort and Spa, located at 8000 Arizona Grand Parkway, Phoenix, Ariz. 85044.



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Kick Off The Holiday Season

Kick off the holiday season with sparkling champagne, a delicious brunch, huge silent auction with gifts for everyone's holiday shopping list, rousing live auction, hundreds of pet lovers, and inspiring stories. The event raises important funds for the nonprofit, no-kill shelter located in Tempe, Ariz.

Jan D'Atri and comedian SteVen Franklin will emcee of the event, Letitia Frye will host the live auction and Lost Our Home Pet Rescue will present their Pet Champion Excellence Award to the Banfield Foundation. The award recognizes a person, organization or company that has made an extraordinary contribution to pets in Arizona.

Major Annual Event

The brunch is Lost Our Home Pet Rescue's major annual event, presented this year by Arizona's Vision, Fred and Jami Pryor Foundation and Titos.



"We have lots to celebrate at this year's brunch," says Jodi Polanski, Lost Our Home Pet Rescue's founder and executive director. "For the last 11 years, we've been helping people and saving pets. Our shelter renovation will be complete this fall with improved safety and sanitation features throughout, increased capacity so we can help more pets, enhanced overall quality and comfort for the dogs, cats and people who enter the shelter and much more."

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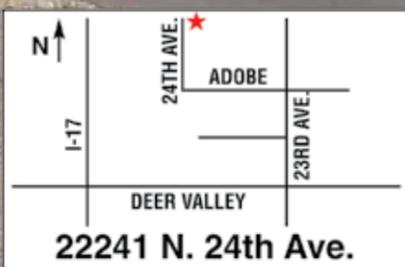
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Habitat Partnership Committees

Through a process known as the HPC (Habitat Partnership Committees), small communities across the state gather together and identify projects that can better habitat for all Wildlife. The location of the projects is determined by the main species that the project is attempting to help. Those projects typically involve either water or habitat improvements.

The photos in this article take you from the beginnings of a project to completion. These projects are funded by those auction / raffle tag monies. The project in these photos was completed last month just south of Superior, Ariz. The Arizona Deer Association sponsored the work project, which meant that we helped the Habitat Development crew from the Arizona Game & Fish Department during the construction process.

Priceless Water

The cost for this project was estimated



Tanks In Place

to be roughly \$45,000.00. Not cheap by any standard, but the water that this catchment will hold is priceless in an area that simply does not have a running water supply for Wildlife. The construction typically takes a week to complete but is years in the planning and approval process.

For those who are not familiar with what a "Catchment" is, if you look at the photos, it is a fairly sophisticated construction that captures rainwater on the metal apron. The apron is slightly pitched so that it flows off the apron into a series

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bald eagle population to increase, it's not uncommon for productivity to slow occasionally," said Kenneth Jacobson, AZGFD bald eagle management coordinator. "Similar comparatively lower productivity rates were also seen in 2014 and 2010, so we were due for a slow year. Overall, our eagle population continues to be strong because we continue to see an increase in breeding areas statewide. Our ongoing efforts to help conserve and protect Arizona's bald eagles appear to be working."

Arizona's bald eagle population has flourished since 1978, when 11 pairs were counted within the state and the species was listed as endangered. Today there are an estimated 74 adult breeding pairs.

CRAPPIE

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yellow), and on the bottom hooks he'll run a black, blue, and chartreuse grub. Leroy rigs the grubs so that the curve of the tail is opposite the curve of the hook. It gives them a whole lot more action in the water.

Keeping It Simple

Leroy keeps thing pretty simple. No line counters, no fancy rods and reels. He lets out about thirty feet or so of line, and runs the boat at .8 to .9 miles per hour. He does use a GPS unit to track his speed, since it's so crucial to getting bit.

Kids And Crappie

"Kids and crappie are the perfect combination," Leroy says. "Crappie give you enough fight to be fun, and the action is usually constant enough to keep kids happy." Kids who won't sit still for trolling might be happier jigging for crappie. Either way, now is a good time to head to Roosevelt and give it a try. Once you find them, it's usually pretty easy to catch enough for supper.

More About Trolling

"One of the advantages of trolling for crappie is that you are fishing while you are searching," says guide Art Chamberlin. He motors to a likely area and sets out four rods, each with braided line. He

Eagles Protected Nationally

Bald eagles nationwide were removed as a protected species under the federal Endangered Species Act in 2007, but protections under the act were reinstated in 2008 in Arizona and remained until 2011. The department's conservation efforts contributed to the species recovery. Nationally, the birds remain protected by the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act.

The impressive recovery of the population is attributed to the continued efforts of the Southwestern Bald Eagle Management Committee – a coalition of AZGFD and 27 other government agencies, private organizations and Native American tribes – and its years of cooperative conservation efforts, including extensive monitoring by the nationally-awarded Bald Eagle Nestwatch Program.

uses a waterproof marker to make a single mark (he marks about six inches of the line) at 30 feet, two marks at 42 feet, and three marks at 54 feet.

At a speed of one mile per hour, (which he considers optimum for trolling) a 1/8-ounce jig will be running 12 to 13 feet deep if the double marks on the line are at the rod tip. If he lets out line until the triple mark is at the tip, he knows his lures are at around 15 or 16 feet.

Lots Of Power Grubs

Like Rambo, Chamberlin uses a lot of chartreuse Power Grubs. He rigs two jigs on each line, spaced about two feet apart, and on two rods he often runs small crank-baits. He'll often start out trolling with two rods at one depth and two at another, which lets him cover a lot of territory until he discovers what the perfect depth is that day. Regardless of the depth of the water he is fishing, he generally keeps the jigs running between twelve and fifteen feet deep.

GPS Invaluable

Art's GPS is an invaluable trolling tool. The GPS tells him how fast he is going at all times, and this has been a huge help, especially on windy days. In addition to keeping his speed correct, the GPS allows him to return to any schools of fish he has passed over. He keeps the GPS mounted right next to his depthfinder and watches both constantly. When he sees fish on the

of pipes that go into the below ground water tanks. The tanks hold the rainwater and based on a leveling system, the "walk-in-trough" allows wildlife to come in for water to drink. The water never overflows and as each rainstorm or monsoon brings in new water it replenishes the supply.

Ingenious Application

It seems fairly simple sounding but rather ingenious in application. This catchment had a total of four tanks that each hold 2500 gallons of water below ground. The water held in these tanks will feed the run into the trough and keep water available for Wildlife year round.

You Are Invited To Help

There are many conservation groups in the state that participate in these work projects and all actively invite non-members to come on out and help if you want to get a feel for how we attempt to help wildlife. I will be more than happy to direct anyone interested to a group that does these on the ground projects if someone is interested in giving a hand. JK

The breeding season for bald eagles in Arizona runs from December through June, although eagle pairs at higher elevations nest later than those in the rest of the state.

Continued Support

Continued support from the committee, State Wildlife Grants, the Heritage Fund (Arizona Lottery ticket sales) and funding through the Pittman-Robertson Act, will help ensure that Arizona's bald eagles continue to thrive.

For more information on bald eagles in Arizona, visit www.azgfd.gov (click on "wildlife") or www.swbemc.org.

To learn more about how AZGFD works to conserve and protect the state's wildlife visit www.azgfd.gov. To provide a contribution to support the department's on-the-ground conservation efforts, visit www.azwildlifehero.com.

graph he knows he has about thirty seconds before the jigs are into them, and once he's out of the school he can turn around and get right back on them by watching the screen on the GPS.

More Crappie Fishing Facts

You need a valid Arizona Fishing License to fish for crappie. Buy one at any sporting goods store or tackle shop, or at any Game and Fish office. You can also purchase and print a license online at www.azgfd.com.

Crappie limits vary by body of water. On Roosevelt, the limit is 15 crappie per day. If you are fishing somewhere else, pick up a copy of the 2019-2020 fishing regulations or download them at www.azgfd.com.

Curt admits that during December and January the trollers have better luck than he does. During the spawn the crappie are up shallow and casting a tiny jig to shore is the way to go. The rest of the time, Curt prefers vertical jigging.

Crappie Tackle

Crappie tackle can be pretty simple. Braided line will help you get your lure back when you get snagged in brush. Curt uses 8-pound-test Power Pro. You'll also need 1/8-ounce jigs and a selection of grubs or other little soft plastic crappie lures. Some anglers like to use minnows. An inexpensive light spinning rod outfit is dandy for crappie.

DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER 3	Daylight Savings Time Ends	NOVEMBER 28	Thanksgiving Day
NOVEMBER 5	Election Day	DECEMBER 7	Pearl Harbor Day
NOVEMBER 11	Veteran's Day		

CALENDAR

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Light Parade – The parade rolls around the streets of downtown Prescott on Saturday following Thanksgiving. Entries are illuminated by colorful lights and Christmas music. From High School bands and bicycles, to elaborate iridescent floats. Santa Claus may surprise us too. Bundle up and enjoy the kick-off Holiday event in Arizona's Christmas City. Free. 6 pm. www.prescott.org/community-calendar-of-events.html

EXPOS/SHOWS

Lake Havasu City

16-17 – 8th Annual Sand, Water & RV Expo – Lake Havasu State Park, Lot 4. Browse, compare and shop for the latest and greatest in off-road vehicles, trucks, sand rails, ATVs, UTVs, 4 x 4s, buggies, motorcycles, electric vehicles, RVs, toy haulers, travel trailers, boats and related accessory products and services, food, and beer garden, boat demo rides, Cornhole tournament, Fab 50 Classic Hot Boat show & shine. \$5, children 6 & under free. Sat. 9 am – 5 pm, Sun 9 am – 3 pm. 951-501-0210 or <https://golakehavasu.com/event/sand-water-rv-expo>

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SRT BASS PHOENIX CHAPTER

MEETINGS: Ongoing – Shake, Rattle & Troll BASS Club; volunteers needed; new members (boaters and non-boaters), families, children, friends are

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Phoenix

23 – THE ARIZONA GUNSLINGERS – Pioneer Living History Museum. The Arizona Gunslingers take aim at mechanical targets to see who is the fastest draw in the West! Quick draw competitions are open to the public and participants love to answer questions. Museum Admission \$10/adults \$8/Senior or military \$8/children, 5 and under are free. Includes Pioneer Village and the Telephone Museum. 623-465-1052 or <https://pioneeraz.org/>

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WILDLIFE/ ANIMAL-RELATED

San Carlos

8-11 – San Carlos Apache Tribe's 53rd Annual Veterans Fair & Rodeo - Apache Gold Casino & Resort. All Indian Rodeo,

on-site food vendors, get your holiday shopping done at the Holiday Market, take a selfie with Santa Claus, enjoy beer or wine while watching live entertainment and behold as the waters of Tempe Town Lake glisten from the crafted parade unit lights.

Bag checks will be conducted at

carnival, parade, Miss San Carlos Queen/Youth Pageant, music festival, tribal performances. 928-475-1600 ext 1602 or 928-200-5479 or <http://www.dagoteh.com/> or <https://apache-gold-casino.com>



Tucson

16 – 5th Annual Sweat for Pets: Walk, Run & Roll – Kino Sports Complex. a dog friendly oasis featuring a kids fun zone, vendor and sponsor booths, food trucks, a beer garden and a sniffing good time for all the four-legged pals. Whether you build a team, walk alone or walk virtually...all proceeds from this fundraising walk save the lives of homeless animals. 8 am. 520-321-3704 or <https://support.hssaz.org/event/sweat-for-pets-walk-run-and-roll-2019/e244683>

Mesa

20 – Nat Geo Live: Building the Photo Ark - Mesa Arts Center. Photographer Joel Sartore is on a mission to capture portraits of the world's species before they disappear. With ingenuity, wit, and a serious Midwestern work ethic, Sartore has created the Photo Ark

project, the largest archive of its kind with nearly 5,000 images and counting. Hear about his comical mishaps, endearing encounters, and personal stories while documenting a world worth saving. \$30-44. 7:30 pm. 480-644-6500 or <https://mesaartscenter.com/index.php/shows/performing-live/national-geographic-live-building-the-photo-ark>

Gilbert

22-24 – 2019 41st Annual Gilbert Days Rodeo – Welcome Home Ranch. Rodeo, Little Dude rodeo, Gilbert Days Barrel race and roping, and rodeo dance. <https://gilbertdays.org/>

Florence

29-12/1 – 87th Annual Florence Junior Parada - Charles Whitlow Rodeo Arena. World's oldest continuous junior rodeo, also a rodeo parade with vendors and entertainment on Main Street. Features junior cowboys & cowgirls ages 5-18, in competition from calf roping, bulldogging, barrel & pole racing, saddle bronc, breakaway roping to goat tying, benefits youth programs across Pinal County. <https://www.florencejrparadarodeo.com/>

Tempe

EMPTY PET FOOD BANK: Ongoing – A unique food bank that serves cats and dogs needs your help. Lost Our Home Pet Foundation has been providing food and pet supplies to the pets of families in need since 2009, all through community donations. Donations can be made at the shelter location at 2323 S. Hardy Dr. Tempe, AZ 85282; Jodi Polanski, Jodi@lostourhome.org. ■

bridge, where they begin to make their way back east on Tempe Town Lake along the north shore. To get to the parade, check out Tempe Beach Park's location, know where to park or explore public transit options.

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